

CRESTON CITY WATER WORKS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENT,
SUPPLEMENTARY AND OTHER INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

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CRESTON CITY WATER WORKS

OFFICIALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
(Before January 1, 2015)		
Lee McNichols.....	Chairman.....	December, 2014
.....	Trustee.....	December, 2016
Valarie Allen.....	Vice-Chairman.....	December, 2014
.....	Trustee.....	December, 2018
Cathy Dryden.....	Treasurer.....	December, 2014
.....	Trustee.....	December, 2016
William Stuart.....	Secretary.....	December, 2014
.....	Trustee.....	December, 2014
Ken Sharp.....	Trustee.....	December, 2018
Steve Yarkosky.....	Manager.....	Indefinite
Angie West.....	Office Manager.....	Indefinite
(After January 1, 2015)		
Lee McNichols.....	Chairman.....	December, 2015
.....	Trustee.....	December, 2016
Valarie Allen.....	Vice-Chairman.....	December, 2015
.....	Trustee.....	December, 2018
Cathy Dryden.....	Treasurer.....	December, 2015
.....	Trustee.....	December, 2016
Rich Flynn.....	Secretary.....	December, 2015
.....	Trustee.....	December, 2020
Ken Sharp.....	Trustee.....	December, 2018
Steve Yarkosky.....	Manager.....	Indefinite
Angie West.....	Office Manager.....	Indefinite



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees of the
Creston City Water Works

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Creston City Water Works as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1. This includes determining the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. This includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatements.

An audit includes performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to Creston City Water Works' preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Creston City Water Works' internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash basis financial position of the Creston City Water Works as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

As described in Note 1, the financial statement was prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Emphasis of a Matter

As disclosed in Note 4 to the financial statements, Creston City Water Works adopted new accounting guidance related to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement which was prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. The statistical information included in Schedule 1 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information has not been subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement and, accordingly we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

The other information, the Creston City Water Works' Management's Discussion and Analysis, the budgetary comparison information, the Schedule of the Creston City Water Works' Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of Creston City Water Works' Contributions on pages 6 through 8 and 23 through 27, has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated August 20, 2015, on our consideration of Creston City Water Works' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering Creston City Water Works' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Martens & Company, CPA, LLP

West Des Moines, Iowa
August 20, 2015

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Creston City Water Works provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statement. The narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the Creston City Water Works' financial statements, which follow.

2015 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Creston City Water Works general consumer water revenues decreased by \$49,869 from the previous fiscal year. The rural water sales decreased by \$196,355 from the previous fiscal year. Interest on investments increased \$4,629 from the previous year.
- The Creston City Water Works' total disbursements decreased approximately \$104,000 from fiscal year 2014 to fiscal year 2015 due to completing major capital project activities in the fiscal year 2015 and no new projects started. The Creston City Water Works also remitted approximately \$27,000 less in sewer and garbage fees to the City as a result of lower collections.
- The Creston City Water Works' total cash balance decreased approximately \$337,000 from fiscal year 2014 to fiscal year 2015.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a financial statement as well as other information as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the financial statement and provides an analytical overview of the Creston City Water Works' financial activities.

The Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balance presents information on the Creston City Water Works' receipts and disbursements, non-operating receipts and disbursements and whether the Water Works' cash basis financial position has improved or deteriorated as a result of the year's activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statement.

Other information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the Creston City Water Works' budget for the year and the Creston City Water Works' proportionate share of the net pension liability and related contributions.

Supplementary information provides detailed information about the operating statistics and insurance coverage.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Creston City Water Works maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the Creston City Water Works are prepared on that basis.

The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statements do not represent financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind that limitations resulting from the use of cash basis accounting.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CRESTON CITY WATER WORKS

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balance

The purpose of the statement is to present the receipts received by the Creston City Water Works and the disbursements paid by the Creston City Water Works, both operating and non-operating. The statement also presents a fiscal snapshot of the Creston City Water Works' cash balance at year end. Over time, readers of the financial statement are able to determine the Creston City Water Works' financial position by analyzing the increase and decrease in cash balance.

Receipts include metered and bulk water sales, fees for upkeep and/or upgrade of individual service lines, water turn on/off fees, rent for space on the water tower, taps and miscellaneous fees. A summary of cash receipts, disbursements and changes in the cash balance for the years ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014 is presented below:

Changes in Cash Basis Net Position of Business Type Activities (Expressed in Thousands)		
	Year ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Receipts:		
Program receipts:		
Water utility receipts (all sources)	\$ 2,705	\$ 3,223
Sewer rental receipts collected for City	1,289	1,337
Garbage receipts collected for City	617	610
Total receipts	<u>4,611</u>	<u>5,170</u>
Disbursements:		
All water utility expenditures	3,044	3,121
Sewer rental expenditures remitted to City	1,296	1,324
Garbage expenditures remitted to City	608	607
Total disbursements	<u>4,948</u>	<u>5,052</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash balance	(337)	118
Cash balance beginning of fiscal year	<u>1,904</u>	<u>1,786</u>
Cash balance end of fiscal year	<u>\$ 1,567</u>	<u>\$ 1,904</u>

The total business type activity receipts for the fiscal year were approximately \$4,611,000, which includes sewer and garbage collections that are in turn paid to the City of Creston, as compared to approximately \$5,170,000

collected the last fiscal year.

THE WATER WORKS INDIVIDUAL MAJOR FUNDS

The Creston City Water Works uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The focus of the Creston City Water Works funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and cash balances of spendable resources. The following are the major reasons for changes in cash balances from the prior year for the Creston City Water Works major funds.

CRESTON CITY WATER WORKS - GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Creston City Water Works. At the end of the current fiscal year, the cash balance in the General Fund was approximately \$1,567,000, a decrease of approximately \$337,000.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Creston City Water Works annually adopts a budget following the required public notice and hearings for all funds. Although the budget document presents functional disbursements by fund, the legal level of contract is at the aggregated function level, not at the fund or fund type level. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures, ie; a required public notice followed by a public hearing. The Creston City Water Works did amend its operating budget at year end. The budget was approved and passed unanimously by the Creston City Water Works' Board of Trustees.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At the year end, the Creston City Water Works did not have any debt.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

The Creston City Water Works' Board of Trustees considered many factors when setting the 2015 fiscal year budget. The Water Works' Board of Trustees were not involved in any projects for fiscal year 2015.

Other items of importance to the Water Works' Board of Trustees are return on investments and the cost of employee benefits.

These factors all contributed when adopting the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget. The budget includes all Business Type Activities, including Sewer, Garbage and Water expenditures. Steps implemented by the Water Works' Board of Trustees, while taking into account increased costs of employee benefits, low returns on investments and the need to keep services at an acceptable level were also a factor in the year 2015-2016 fiscal year budget.

CONTACTING THE CRESTON CITY WATER WORKS' FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our rate-payers and creditors with a general overview of the Creston City Water Works' finances and to show the Creston City Water Works' accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Steve Yarkosky, General Manager, Creston City Water Works, 820 Park Street, P.O. Box 405, Creston, Iowa 50801.

Basic Financial Statement

Creston City Water Works
**Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and
Changes in Cash Balances**
As of and For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Operating receipts:	
Charge for service	\$ 2,394,236
Miscellaneous	<u>130,549</u>
Total operating receipts	2,524,785
Operating disbursements	
Business type activities	<u>2,988,360</u>
(Deficiency) of operating receipts (under) operating disbursements	(463,575)
Non-operating receipts (disbursements)	
Intergovernmental	136,911
Interest on investments	12,986
Sewer and garbage fees collected for the City	1,907,342
Consumer deposits	29,100
Capital outlays	(26,355)
Sewer and garbage fees remitted to the City	(1,904,700)
Deposit refunds	<u>(29,200)</u>
Net non-operating receipts (disbursements)	<u>126,084</u>
Change in cash balances	(337,491)
Cash balances, beginning of year	<u>1,904,658</u>
Cash balances, end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,567,167</u></u>
Restricted for customer deposits	\$ 212,231
Unrestricted	<u>1,354,936</u>
Total cash basis fund balances	<u><u>\$ 1,567,167</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2015

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Creston City Water Works is a governmental subdivision of the State of Iowa located in Union County. It was incorporated in the mid 1930's. The Creston City Water Works Board of Trustees is appointed by the Mayor of Creston and approved by the Creston City Council. The Creston City Water Works provides water services to Creston area residents and surrounding counties.

A. Reporting Entity

The financial statement includes all funds of the Creston City Water Works. The Water Works has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Water Works are such that exclusion would cause the Water Works' financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the Water Works to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the Water Works.

The Creston City Water Works is a component unit of the City of Creston.

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The Creston City Water Works maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the Creston City Water Works are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Enterprise funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from non-operating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating receipts and disbursements.

C. Cash Basis Fund Balances

In the financial statements, cash basis fund balances are classified as follows:

Restricted - Amounts restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed on the use of the resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, or state or federal laws or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Other Information. During the year

ended June 30, 2015, disbursements did not exceed the amounts budgeted.

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Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

June 30, 2015

(2) Cash and Pooled Investments

The Creston City Water Works' deposits in banks at June 30, 2015, were entirely covered by Federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the members of the pool to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The Creston City Water Works is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities: certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Trustees and the Treasurer of the State of Iowa; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; and certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The Creston City Water Works' investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Creston City Water Works at year end. The Creston City Water Works' investment at June 30, 2015, consisted of Certificates of Deposits and are not subject to risk categorization.

Interest rate risk - The Creston City Water Works' investment policy limits the investment of operating funds (funds expected to be expended in the current budget year or within 15 months of receipt) to instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in investments with maturities longer than 397 days, but the maturities shall be consistent with the needs and use of the Creston City Water Works.

(3) Pension Plan

Plan Description - IPERS membership is mandatory for employees of the Creston City Water Works, except for those covered by another retirement system. Employees of the Creston City Water Works are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS). IPERS issues a stand-alone financial report which is available to the public by mail at 7401 Register Drive P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117 or at www.ipers.org.

IPERS benefits are established under Iowa Code chapter 97B and the administrative rules thereunder. Chapter 97B and the administrative rules are the official plan documents. The following brief description is provided for general informational purposes only. Refer to the plan documents for more information.

Pension Benefits - A regular member may retire at normal retirement age and receive monthly benefits without an early-retirement reduction. Normal retirement age is age 65, anytime after reaching 62 with 20 or more years of covered employment, or when the member's years of service plus the member's age at the last birthday equals or exceeds 88, whichever comes first. (These qualifications must be met on the member's first month of entitlement to benefits.) Members cannot begin receiving retirement benefits

before age 55. The formula used to calculate a Regular member's monthly IPERS benefit includes:

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June 30, 2015

(3) Pension Plan - Continued

- A multiplier (based on years of service).
- The member's highest five-year average salary. (For members with service before June 30, 2012, the highest three-year average salary as of that date will be used if it is greater than the highest five-year average salary.)

If a member retires before normal retirement age, the member's monthly retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by an early-retirement reduction. The early-retirement reduction is calculated differently for service earned before and after July 1, 2012. For service earned before July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.25 percent for each month that the member receives benefits before the member's earliest normal retirement age. For service earned starting July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.50 percent for each month that the member receives benefits before age 65.

Generally, once a member selects a benefit option, a monthly benefit is calculated and remains the same for the rest of the member's lifetime. However, to combat the effects of inflation, retirees who began receiving benefits prior to July 1990 receive a guaranteed dividend with their regular November benefit payments.

Disability and Death Benefits - A vested member who is awarded federal Social Security disability or Railroad Retirement disability benefits is eligible to claim IPERS benefits regardless of age. Disability benefits are not reduced for early retirement. If a member dies before retirement, the member's beneficiary will receive a lifetime annuity or a lump-sum payment equal to the present actuarial value of the member's accrued benefit or calculated with a set formula, whichever is greater. When a member dies after retirement, death benefits depend on the benefit option the member selected at retirement.

Contributions - Effective July 1, 2012, as a result of a 2010 law change, the contribution rates are established by IPERS following the annual actuarial valuation, which applies IPERS' Contribution Rate Funding Policy and Actuarial Amortization Method. Statute limits the amount rates can increase or decrease each year to 1 percentage point. IPERS Contribution Rate Funding Policy requires that the actuarial contribution rate be determined using the "entry age normal" actuarial cost method and the actuarial assumptions and methods approved by the IPERS Investment Board. The actuarial contribution rate covers normal cost plus the unfunded actuarial liability payment based on a 30-year amortization period. The payment to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability is determined as a level percentage of payroll, based on the Actuarial Amortization Method adopted by the Investment Board.

In fiscal year 2015, pursuant to the required rate, Regular members contributed 5.95 percent of pay and the Creston City Water Works contributed 8.93 percent for a total rate of 14.88 percent.

The Creston City Water Works' contributions to IPERS for the year ended June 30, 2015 were \$84,493.17.

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Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

June 30, 2015

(3) Pension Plan - Continued

Collective Net Pension Liabilities, Collective Pension Expense, and Collective Deferred Outflows of Resources and Collective Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - At June 30, 2015, the Creston City Water Works' liability for its proportionate share of the collective net pension liability totaled \$527,677. The collective net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the collective net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Creston City Water Works' proportion of the collective net pension liability was based on the Creston City Water Works' share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all IPERS participating employers. At June 30, 2014, the Creston City Water Works' proportion was .01303800 percent, which was an increase of .00000779 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2013.

For the year ended June 30, 2015 the Creston City Water Works' collective pension expense, collective deferred outflows and collective deferred inflows totaled \$39,495, \$29,023 and \$201,241 respectively.

Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Rate of Inflation (effective June 30, 2014)	3.00 percent per annum
Salary increases (effective June 30, 2010)	4.00-17.00 percent, average, including inflation. Rates vary by membership group
Investment rate of return (effective June 30, 1996)	7.50 percent per annum, compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies with dates corresponding to those listed above.

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale AA.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

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Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

June 30, 2015

(3) Pension Plan - Continued

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
US Equity	23%	6.31%
Non US Equity	15	6.76
Private Equity	13	11.34
Real Estate	8	3.52
Core Plus Fixed Income	28	2.06
Credit Opportunities	5	3.67
TIPS	5	1.92
Other Real Assets	2	6.27
Cash	1	(0.69)
Total	<u>100%</u>	

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.5 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the contractually required rate and that contributions from the Creston City Water Works will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Creston City Water Works' Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following presents the Creston City Water Works' proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.5 percent, as well as what the Creston City Water Works' proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.5 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.5 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease <u>(6.5%)</u>	Discount Rate <u>(7.5%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(8.5%)</u>
Creston City Water Works' proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$997,031	\$527,677	\$131,494

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued IPERS financial report which is available on IPERS' website at www.ipers.org.

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Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

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(4) Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

The Creston City Water Works is included in the City of Creston's health insurance plan. The City of Creston offers health insurance coverage to full time employees wishing to voluntarily retire prior to the age of 65 and wish to remain on the City employee health insurance plan. The city will make available single health insurance coverage for the retiree until he/she reaches the age eligible to receive Medicare or other Government insurance coverage.

There are 38 active employees for the City, 12 active employees for Waterworks and 2 retired employee.

Funding Policy - The contribution requirements of plan members are established and may be amended by the City. The City pays 90% of the premium for active employees while the employee is responsible for 10%. Retirees pay full premiums for single coverage. The City currently finances the retiree benefit plan on as pay-as-you-go basis.

	Plus Plan	Basic Plan	Value Plan
Deductible	\$600	\$1,200	\$2,000
Single Coverage	\$746	\$694	\$630
Family Coverage	\$1,859	\$1,728	\$1,706

For the year ended June 30, 2015 the City contributed \$1,129,832 to the plan, Creston City Water Works contributed \$140,105 and Water Works' members eligible for benefits contributed \$124,989 to the plan.

(5) Related Parties

The City of Creston has title to all the land and buildings used by the Creston City Water Works. The Mayor appoints and the City Council confirms the appointments to the Water Works Board of Trustees.

The Creston City Water Works determines fees charged to users and also charges the City for usage. The Creston City Water Works collects sewage and garbage fees for the City of Creston. Funds collected are remitted to the City monthly. The Creston City Water Works remitted \$1,296,595 for sewer rental and \$608,105 for garbage collections to the City for the year ended June 30, 2015. The Creston City Water Works received from the City \$8,336 for water.

The Creston City Water Works and City of Creston are covered under the same property insurance policy. Each year the City pays the total premium and the Creston City Water Works reimburses the City for its share of the cost. In 2015, the Water Works reimbursed the City of Creston \$85,877 for insurance.

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Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

June 30, 2015

(5) Related Parties - Continued

During the year ended June 30, 2015, the City provided employees of both the City and Creston City Water Works with payments of co-insurance and deductibles for health insurance. The Water Works remitted to the City \$265,094 for health insurance premiums for the year ended June 30, 2015. The City's plan is self-funded and pays claims from its employee benefits special revenue fund up to maximum limits and carried stop loss insurance for claims in excess of limits.

(6) Compensated Absences

Water Works' employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused leave hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, retirement or death. The accumulations are not recognized as disbursements by the Water Works until used or paid. The Water Works' approximate liability for earned leave termination payments payable to employees at June 30, 2015, is as follows:

<u>Type of Benefit</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vacation	\$11,701
Sick leave	<u>80,614</u>
Total	<u>\$ 92,315</u>

This liability has been computed based on rates of pay as of June 30, 2015.

(7) Risk Management

The Creston City Water Works is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

(8) Major Customer

A material part of the Water Works' business is dependent upon Southern Iowa Rural Water Association (SIRWA), the loss of which could have a materially adverse effect on the Water Works. During the year ended June 30, 2015, SIRWA accounted for approximately 55% of the water sales. The Creston City Water Works has a contract to provide water to SIRWA through April, 2032.

(9) Special Investigation

The Water Works requested the Office of Auditor of State perform a special investigation of the Water Works as a result of concerns regarding certain purchases and other financial transactions authorized by the Water Works' former General Manager. The Auditor of State's special investigation identified improper and unsupported disbursements of \$89,837 between July 1, 2005 and November 16, 2012.

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Notes to Financial Statements - Continued

June 30, 2015

(9) Special Investigation - Continued

Copies of the Auditor of State's special investigation report were filed with the Union County Attorney's Office, the Attorney General's Office and the Division of Criminal Investigation.

The Water Works received notice in October 2013 of a lawsuit filed against the Water Works by the former general manager. The lawsuit alleges breach of employment contract and failure to pay wages owed. The lawsuit was settled during the year for \$78,308.

(10) Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through August 20, 2015, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Effective July 1, 2015, the City of Creston along with 4 other governmental entities formed the Iowa Community Trust Governmental Health and Related Benefits Program. The Trust was formed under Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa to provide for the establishment, continued planning, support and operation of a fully insured health and welfare and related benefits program to provide benefits for the eligible and participating employees of the participatory agencies of the agreement.

Other Information

Creston City Water Works

Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Balances - Budget and Actual (Cash Basis)

Other Information

Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Actual	Less Funds not Required to be Budgeted	Net
Receipts:			
Water:			
Charges for services	\$ 4,209,544	\$ 1,907,342	\$ 2,302,202
Use of money and property	12,986	-	12,986
Intergovernmental	136,911	-	136,911
Miscellaneous	251,683	-	251,683
	<u>4,611,124</u>	<u>1,907,342</u>	<u>2,703,782</u>
Disbursements:			
Business type activities:			
Water	<u>4,948,615</u>	<u>1,904,700</u>	<u>3,043,915</u>
Excess deficiency of receipts over (under) disbursements	(337,491)	2,642	(340,133)
Cash balances beginning of year	<u>1,904,658</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,904,658</u>
Cash balances end of year	<u>\$ 1,567,167</u>	<u>\$ 2,642</u>	<u>\$ 1,564,525</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Budgeted Amounts		Final to Net Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Original	Final	
\$ 3,201,700	\$ 3,351,700	\$ (1,049,498)
-	-	12,986
-	-	136,911
-	-	251,683
3,201,700	3,351,700	(647,918)
3,201,700	3,351,700	307,785
\$ -	\$ -	\$ (340,133)

Creston City Water Works

Notes to Other Information - Budgetary Reporting

June 30, 2015

The Creston City Water Works prepares a budget on the cash basis of accounting for all funds except sewer and storm water fees collected for and remitted to the City and submits it to the City Council. In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Creston City Council annually adopts a budget, which includes the Water Department, on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures.

Formal and legal budgetary control is based upon nine major classes of disbursements, known as functions, not by fund. The water department's disbursements are budgeted in the business type activities function. During the year, one budget amendment increased budgeted disbursements by \$150,000. The budget amendment is reflected in the final budgeted amounts.

During the year ended June 30, 2015, disbursements did not exceed the amount budgeted.

Creston City Water Works

Schedule of the Creston City Water Works' Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System
2014
(In Thousands)

Other Information

	<u>2015</u>
Creston City Water Works' proportion of the net pension liability	.01303800%
Creston City Water Works' proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 528
Creston City Water Works' covered-employee payroll	\$ 873
Creston City Water Works' proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	60.48%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	87.61%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Note: GASB Statement No. 68 requires ten years of information to be presented in this table. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Creston City Water Works will present information for those years for which information is available.

The 2015 liability is based on 2014 information as released by IPERS.

Creston City Water Works

Schedule of Creston City Water Works' Contributions

Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System Last 10 Fiscal Years (In Thousands)

Other Information

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 84	\$ 78	\$ 77	\$ 67
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	<u>(84)</u>	<u>(78)</u>	<u>(77)</u>	<u>(67)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Creston City Water Works' covered-employee payroll	\$ 941	873	888	830
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	8.93%	8.93%	8.67%	8.07%

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
51	48	42	39	36	36
<u>(51)</u>	<u>(48)</u>	<u>(42)</u>	<u>(39)</u>	<u>(36)</u>	<u>(36)</u>
<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
730	721	661	644	626	626
6.95%	6.65%	6.35%	6.05%	5.75%	5.75%

Creston City Water Works

Notes to Other Information - Pension Liability

Year ended June 30, 2015

Changes of benefit terms:

Legislation passed in 2010 modified benefit terms for current Regular members. The definition of final average salary changed from the highest three to the highest five years of covered wages. The vesting requirement changed from four years of service to seven years. The early retirement reduction increased from 3 percent per year measured from the member's first unreduced retirement age to a 6 percent reduction for each year of retirement before age 65.

In 2008, legislative action transferred four groups - emergency medical service providers, county jailers, county attorney investigators, and National Guard installation security officers - from Regular membership to the protection occupation group for future service only.

Benefit provisions for sheriffs and deputies were changed in the 2004 legislative session. The eligibility for unreduced retirement benefits was lowered from age 55 by one year each July 1 (beginning in 2004) until it reached age 50 on July 1, 2008. The years of service requirement remained at 22 or more. Their contribution rates were also changed to be shared 50-50 by the employee and employer, instead of the previous 40-60 split.

Changes of assumptions:

The 2014 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

- Decreased the inflation assumption from 3.25 percent to 3.00 percent
- Decreased the assumed rate of interest on member accounts from 4.00 percent to 3.75 percent per year.
- Adjusted male mortality rates for retirees in the Regular membership group.
- Reduced retirement rates for sheriffs and deputies between the ages of 55 and 64.
- Moved from an open 30 year amortization period to a closed 30 year amortization period for the UAL beginning June 30, 2014. Each year thereafter, changes in the UAL from plan experience will be amortized on a separate closed 20 year period.

The 2010 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

- Adjusted retiree mortality assumptions.
- Modified retirement rates to reflect fewer retirements.
- Lowered disability rates at most ages.
- Lowered employment termination rates
- Generally increased the probability of terminating members receiving a deferred retirement benefit.
- Modified salary increase assumptions based on various service duration.

The 2007 valuation adjusted the application of the entry age normal cost method to better match projected contributions to the projected salary stream in the future years. It also included in the calculation of the UAL amortization payments the one-year lag between the valuation date and the effective date of the annual contribution rate.

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Notes to Other Information - Pension Liability - Continued

Year ended June 30, 2015

The 2006 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

- Adjusted salary increase assumptions to service based assumptions.
- Decreased the assumed interest rate credited on employee contributions from 4.25 percent to 4.00 percent.
- Lowered the inflation assumption from 3.50 percent to 3.25 percent.
- Lowered disability rates for sheriffs and deputies and protection occupation members.

Supplementary Information

Creston City Water Works

Unaudited Schedule of Operating Statistics

Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Year Ended June 30,			
	2015	2014	2013	2012
Number of customers	3,398	3,341	3,440	3,429
Number of gallons billed	1,329,607,979	1,423,761,103	1,406,565,240	1,386,587,800
Number of gallons pumped	1,362,832,000	1,454,582,000	1,435,617,000	1,431,365,025
% of gallons billed to total pumped	98%	98%	98%	97%

Water rates in effect at June 30, 2015

Cubic Feet Used Per Month	Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet of Usage
0 - 2,000	\$3.24*
2,001 - 6,000	2.49
6,001 - 24,000	1.99
24,001 and over	1.59

* Minimum charge per month is \$9.07

The Water Works and the City of Creston are covered under one insurance policy. The Water Works reimburses the City annually for its portion of the insurance premium. At June 30, 2015, the following coverages were in effect:

Fire and extended coverage:	
Buildings and contents	\$19,439,944
Liability:	
Umbrella excess policy	3,000,000
Linebacker liability	1,000,000
Workmen's compensation	Statutory
Comprehensive automobile policy	1,000,000
Employee Benefit Liability:	
Per occurrence	1,000,000
Aggregate	2,000,000
Employees crime coverage	200,000
Bond on Water Works manager	200,000

The foregoing operating statistics and insurance information are presented on the basis of unaudited records maintained in the Water Works office. The amounts and accuracy of the operating statistics were not investigated by the auditors.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Creston City Water Works



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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control
over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with
Government Auditing Standards

To the Board of Trustees of the
Creston City Water Works

We have audited, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statement of the Creston City Water Works, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statement, and have issued our report thereon dated August 20, 2015. Our report expressed an unmodified opinion on the financial statement which was prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered the Creston City Water Works' internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Creston City Water Works' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Creston City Water Works' internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings we identified a deficiency in internal control we consider to be a material weakness.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency in internal control described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item II-A-15 to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Creston City Water Works' financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Creston City Water Works' operations for the year ended June 30, 2015 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the Creston City Water Works. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

Creston City Water Works' Response to Findings

Creston City Water Works' response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. Creston City Water Works' response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of the testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of Creston City Water Works during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

Martens & Company, CPA, LLP

August 20, 2015

Creston City Water Works

Schedule of Findings

Year Ended June 30, 2015

Part I: Summary of the Independent Auditor's Results:

- (a) An unmodified opinion was issued on the financial statement.
- (b) A material weakness in internal control over financial reporting was disclosed by the audit of the financial statement.
- (c) The audit did not disclose any noncompliance which is material to the financial statements.

Part II: Findings Related to the Financial Statements:

INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES:

- II-A-15 Segregation of Duties - One important aspect of internal control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. The cash receipts listing, bank deposits and the posting of cash receipts to the cash receipts journal are all done by a limited number of people.

Recommendation - We realize that segregation of duties is difficult with a limited number of office employees. However, the City should review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances. The City could segregate duties to the extent possible with existing personnel and utilize administrative personnel or board members to provide additional control through review of financial transactions and reports.

Response - We will consider this.

Conclusion - Response acknowledged.

Part III: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

- III-A-15 Certified Budget - Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2015, did not exceed amounts budgeted in the business type activities function.
- III-B-15 Questionable Disbursements - We noted no disbursements that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
- III-C-15 Travel Expense - No expenditures of Water Works' money for travel expenses of spouses of Water Works' officials or employees were noted.
- III-D-15 Business Transactions - There were no business transactions noted between the Creston City Water Works and Creston City Water Works officials or employees.

Creston City Water Works

Schedule of Findings

Year Ended June 30, 2015

Part III: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting: - Continued

- III-E-15 Bond Coverage - Surety bond coverage of Creston City Water Works's official and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to insure that the coverage is adequate for current operations.
- III-F-15 Board Minutes - No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Board minutes but were not.
- III-G-15 Deposits and Investments - The Water Works has adopted a written investment policy as required by Chapter 12B.10B of the Code of Iowa.

No instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Water Works' investment policy were noted.